

Why Not Raise Citrus Fruit In Your Own Backyard?

Most any Californian can grow and enjoy some of the world's finest citrus fruit right in his own backyard. Any Californian who cares about preserving a wonderful tradition should do just that. For who knows how long the big commercial orchards can withstand the threat of subdivision?

Before running out and ordering the first citrus that comes to mind, however, remember that certain varieties are better adapted to some areas. Southern Californians can grow most any citrus fruit they care to, if they live far enough from the coast.

But farther north — around San Francisco Bay and other coastal spots — the choice may be limited to lemons, limes, or mandarins. Oranges seldom ripen fully in north coastal gardens and grapefruit never does. Most citrus do very well in the Central Valley.

Edible fruit is not always

the primary goal of home citrus gardening, for the trees with their crop (edible or not) have great ornamental value for that alone. One takes pleasure in the sight of a tubed miniature grapefruit whether he can eat the fruit or not.

Actually the growing trend toward dwarf fruit trees in every variety has greatly extended the limits within which citrus can be grown with good chance of the fruit ripening. It is a simple matter to tuck dwarf trees in cozy pockets of warmth in the garden, where a maximum of heat is trapped to help mature the crop.

You can grow a dwarf right up next to a sunny wall, for instance, where a full-size tree might well be in the way — or in a tub on the patio, where the full sized tree would be completely out of the question.

If your garden will accommodate a full-sized citrus tree, by all means plant one, for they are decorative additions to the landscape, as well as good kitchen providers.

The citrus with the widest range of adaptability is the lemon, excellent crops off which can be had even in north coastal gardens. The varieties Eureka and Lisbon are standard lemons of commercial orchards and bear equally good crops in home gardens. Meyer lemon is widely adapted and bears exceptionally heavy crops — it is most commonly found in dwarf form — but it is quarantined in some counties and the gardener should always check with a local nurseryman before planting it.

Limes are only slightly behind lemons in their distribution over the state. Seedless lime has the widest adaptability, but many gardeners prefer the smaller Mexican limes when frost is not an annual threat.

Of the oranges, Washington or Robertson Navel are the standard winter cropping varieties, while Valencia is the spring-summer favorite. There are perfectly adapted not only to Southern California, but also to many areas of the great Central Valley. In dwarf forms, they can be ripened successfully even around the San Francisco Bay Area.

Grapefruit is for the hottest area only, unless you want the trees for decoration. The best grapefruit comes from the Imperial and Coachella valley areas and while you find good fruit in some other parts of southern California, it is only in rare, protected gardens of the Central Valley that grapefruit is successfully grown. In coastal areas, it is for looks only. Marsh is the most popular variety.

Mandarins and Kumquats are exotic citrus types which grow well wherever oranges do well. Kumquats, in addition to their use when eaten fresh, also make wonderful preserves, the little oblong fruits being preserved whole and served with roasts and fowl. For this reason they need not be completely ripe, thus they may well be grown in areas where oranges are marginal. No harm in trying them, anyway, since they are always good to look at on the tree.

New Space Contract for Local Firm

Eight Los Angeles area firms have been awarded a total of \$167,052 in orders for components and services from the El Segundo division of Hughes Aircraft Co., Joseph Ferderber, vice president and division manager, announced today.

Among those firms participating is Phiel Industries, 1918 W. 174th St., Torrance, for work on the Minuteman chassis. Amount of the contract is set at \$98,569.

The contracts call for various subassemblies and supporting services for missile and aircraft electronic control systems manufactured by the division, Ferderber said. They are part of the company's small business program, in which 48 per cent of subcontracts have been awarded to small businesses.

Things to Do In Southland This Week

The 25th Annual Rose Show in Pasadena, the 16th Annual Maytime Band Review in National City, and the 14th Annual Barbeque in Chatsworth top the list of things to see in the Southland this week. Here is the schedule of activities in the area for the period of April 28 through May 5 as compiled by the Automobile Club of Southern California.

Avalon: The Avalon Flying Fish Festival will be held through April 28. A little Flying Fish Princess will be crowned, and decorated boats will go out to meet the fish.

Carlsbad: Carlsbad Spring Holidays will be held through April 28. A flower show, open daily highlights this event.

Chatsworth: The 14th Annual Barbeque will be held all day from 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on April 28.

Chino: The Chino Rancho Ride will be held April 28. More than 1000 come from all over the area, many in colorful western dress, with silver-mounted saddles, to make this trip up Soquel Canyon, once a bandit hide-out, for a barbeque and feats of horsemanship.

Claremont: The Padua Hills Theatre will present "Fiesta de Primavera" — a spring festival including the traditional Mexican - Indian rain songs and dances, through June 1, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, at 8:30 p.m. matinees on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 2:30 p.m.

Hemet: The Ramona Outdoor Play will be held April 28.

Hi Vista: The 31st Annual Spring Wildflower Show will be held at the community hall in this high desert town, east of Lancaster April 28. A wildflower arrangement contest will be held, turtle races will take place and a ham dinner will be served on Sunday.

The Dodgers will play St. Louis April 28 at 1 p.m. in Dodger Stadium.

The L. A. Angels will play Washington at 6 p.m., April 29, and New York at 8 p.m., April 30 in Chavez Ravine.

The Indiana state picnic will be held in Sycamore Grove April 28.

The Los Angeles County Museum is featuring, "California Wildflowers in Art and Bloom" through April 28. A display of wildflowers plus 60 water colors of native flowers by Sidney Armer, Jane Pinheiro and Ethe-lynde Smith. Chamber music, concerts are presented each Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Museum.

National City: The 16th Annual Maytime Band Review with 80 bands will be held May 4. Top feature is a parade at 10:30 a.m.

Needles: The Needles Outboard Runabout Races will be held April 28.

Ojai: The 64th Annual Ojai Tennis Tournament will be held through 28. Some 800 inter-collegiate and inter-scholastic stars compete for 18 cups. The beautiful valley makes a house party of the event, opening homes to players and guests, providing taxi service to the many courts, hosting the tea tent and orange juice stand, and a dance.

Pasadena: The 25th Annual Rose Show will be held in Brookside Park May 4 and 5.

Porterville: The Porterville Round Up and Rodeo will be held May 4 and 5.

San Diego: Spring Fair of Modern Home Ideas will be held in the Electric Building, Balboa Park through May 1. Exhibits cover all phases of modern living, indoor, emphasizing things electrical and the appliance industry.

San Gabriel: The city's 50th Anniversary Celebration will be held through April 28. On April 28, there will be a humorous bicycle race. Theme for this birthday celebration is: "1913 Era."

Santa Barbara: The 4th Annual Rose Show will be held April 28 and will feature colored films and information booths on rose culture.

Van Aero Receives New Training Plane

Van Aero, Inc., a Torrance firm, this week took delivery on its first 1963 Cessna 150. Purpose of the plane is student instruction.

Navy Takes Young Men for Summer

The Naval Reserve has announced a summer employment opportunity for qualified young men between the ages of 17 and 26. The employment will consist of approximately 80 days training in "Boot Camp" at San Diego with pay, travel and allowances.

For details, call the U.S. Naval Reserve Training Center, San Pedro, Terminal 2-3311, Extension 1502.

Power Merger Moves Along

An agreement calling for the merger of Southern California Edison Co. and California Electric Power Co. is expected to be submitted to the boards of directors of the two companies, according to Harold Quinton, Edison chairman, and Fred Oldendorf, Jr., California Electric president.

Plans call for an exchange of common stock in the ratio of 9 1/2 shares of Edison for ten shares of Cal-Electric. No decision has yet been made on the exchange of Cal-Electric preferred stock, and discussions on this matter still are underway, the companies said.

Formal action recommending the merger to stockholders of the companies will follow completion of a merger agreement. Special meetings of stockholders of the two companies will be called to approve the merger, and it will also be necessary to obtain approvals by state and federal commissions.

Young Men Can Take Wings in 'Buddy Flight'

According to MSgt Duane K. Hetler, Office Manager of the USAF Recruiting Office, applications are being accepted from eligible South Bay young men to form a 45 man "Buddy Flight" to enter Air Force during the month of June.

The purpose of this Buddy Flight is to enable these men to enlist in the Air Force and participate in their basic military training with others they have known in civilian life.

High School Seniors who will graduate in June this year are encouraged by Sgt. Hetler to begin processing for acceptance into this flight particularly those who have been administered the Airmans Qualifying Examination at their high schools.

To be eligible the "Buddy Flight" applicants must be between the ages of 17 and 27, pass two hour written aptitude examination, be of good moral character and pass a general physical examination. These requirements must be completed before June 5.

Information may be obtained by contacting the USAF Recruiting office at 1616 Cabrillo Ave., Torrance, or by calling FAirfax 8-1404.

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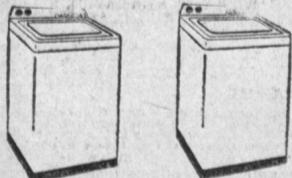


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